

MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA

Today's Date: September 14, 2009

Name of Organization: NEVADA STATE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE

Meeting Time: September 29, 2009 @ 8:30 am
September 30, 2009 @ 8:30 am

Place of Meeting: Nevada Department of Agriculture
405 S. 21st Street
Sparks, NV 89431
Telephone No. (775) 353-3601

Tony Lesperance, Director

This meeting will be available by videoconference in Las Vegas and Elko at the following locations:

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AGENDA

The following items will be discussed and acted upon, but may be taken in different order to accommodate the interests and time limitations of persons attending.

1. **Call to order by Chairman Alan Perazzo.**
 - A. Pledge of Allegiance
 - B. Introduction of Board members, attendees and guests.

- C. Administer the Oath of Office to new Board members, Paul Noe, Martin Plaskett and Jim Snyder, by Deputy Attorney General, Katie Armstrong. **Action**

2. **Board Business**

- A. *Approval of minutes from the June 17, 2009 Board meeting. (Foley) **Action**
- B. Open Meeting Law Training – George Taylor, Attorney General's office. **(Information)**
- C. Presentation of Certificate of Appreciation to retiring Board member Benny Romero (Perazzo)
- D. University of Nevada Update - Marc Johnson, Executive Vice President and Provost, University of Nevada. **(Information)**
- E. *Guzzler Update – Brent Eldridge & Ramona Morrison **(Information)**
- F. Review the status of the Nevada State Fair Grounds – Louie Test & Bill Henry **(Information)**
- G. Request the Board to consider the impact that NDOW management decisions may be having on range livestock production. Vogler **(Action)**
 - 1. *Letter from Department of Wildlife dated 9/3/2009 re: Big Game Release Plan. **Information**
 - 2. *Forest Service Memorandum dated 7/29/2009 re: adding Bighorn Sheep to Regional Forester's Sensitive Species list. **Information**
 - 3. *Memorandum of Agreement between Nevada Department of Wildlife and Nevada Department of Agriculture for the Management of Interactions between Bighorn Sheep and Domestic Sheep or Goats. **Information**
 - 4. *Letter directed to Governor Gibbons from Estill Ranches, LLC dated September 3, 2009, regarding the Nevada Department of Wildlife's cancellation of meeting. **Information**

3. **Director's Report** (Lesperance)

- A. *Director's report. **Information**
- B. *Walker River Report. **Information**
- C. Request by Board member Benny Romero to the Board and the Department to establish a resolution on the Walker River irrigation issue. (Romero) **Action**

- D. *Attorney General's Investigation of the Director. **Information**
- E. *Consideration and possible approval of the Memorandum of Understanding by the Nevada Partners for Conservation and Development regarding the need for increased efforts in management and restoration of sagebrush communities in the Great Basin. (Lesperance) **Action**

4. **Division of Administration** (Scheid) **Information**

- A. Fiscal update

5. **Resource Protection Division** (Jensen)

- A. Program Update

6. **Animal Industry Division** (LaRussa)

- A. T. Fetus Update (**Information**)

Animal Disease Laboratory (Rink)

- B. *Arbovirus Surveillance **Information**
- C. *H1N1 Update **Information**
- D. *Disease Surveillance – One medicine **Information**
- E. *Bighorn Sheep Update **Information**

7. **Measurement Standards Division** (Beal)

- A. *Weights and Measures update (**Information**)

Petroleum Technology Bureau (Striejewske)

- B. *Request permission to adopt as permanent, Gasoline Supply Variance Procedure, LCB File No. R010-09, NAC 590. **Action**
- C. *Request permission to go to workshop and hearing to adopt as permanent, proposed changes to NAC 590.051, (biodiesel regulations), LCB File No. R209-08. **Action**

- D. Update on workshop(s) concerning the 38th Parallel. **Information**
- E. *Update on previously requested permission to adopt as permanent, proposed changes to NAC 590.065, LCB File No. R111-08. **Information**
- F. Update on Labs in Reno and Las Vegas. **Information**

8. Livestock Identification Division (Collis)

- A. *Division Update. **Information**
- B. *List of Lost, Strayed or Stolen livestock **Information**
- C. *Issued and Used Trip Permits. **Information**
- D. * NAC565.230 **Information**
- E. *Brand Inspection Request for Special Sales. **Information**
- F. *Nevada Department of Agriculture Virginia Range Estray Horses Meetings with Storey and Lyon Counties. **Information**
- G. *Discussion and approval of Memorandum of Understanding and VRE Program Policies and Procedures. **Action**

9. Plant Industry (Rafferty)

- A. Division Update **Information**
- B. *EPA Quarterly Report **Information**
- C. *Other Program Updates **Information**
- D. *Request permission and approval of an \$11,000.00 payment from the Garlic and Onion Research and Promotion Account (4544-09 GOPROMO), to be made to Bill Chounet of Silverado Ranch Supply for conducting thrips research trials in Mason Valley. (Marty) **Action**
- E. *Request permission and approval of a \$2,158.17 payment from the Alfalfa Seed Research and Promotion Account (4544-10 ALFALFA), to be made to the National Alfalfa and Forage Alliance (NAFA) for membership valid through June, 2010. (Marty) **Action**

10. Department employee comments and suggestions to the Board of Agriculture. Information

11. Public Comments Information

Public comment during the Board meeting will be for all matters, both on and off the agenda, and be limited to two minutes per person. Additionally, public comment of two minutes per person will be heard during individual action items on the agenda. Persons are invited to submit comments in writing on the agenda items and/or attend and make comment on that agenda item at the Board meeting.

The Chairman and the Board of Agriculture intend that their proceedings should demonstrate the highest levels of decorum, civic responsibility, efficiency and mutual respect between citizens and their government. The Board respects the right of citizens to present differing opinions and views, even criticism, but our democracy cannot function effectively in an environment of personal attacks, slander, threats of violence, and willful disruption. To that end, the Nevada Open Meeting Law provides the authority for the Chair of the public body to maintain the decorum and to declare a recess if needed to remove any person who is disrupting the meeting, and notice is hereby provided of the intent of this body to preserve the decorum and remove anyone who disrupts the proceedings.

The Nevada Board of Agriculture can deliberate or take action only if a matter has been listed on an agenda properly posted prior to the meeting. During public comment period, speakers may address matters listed or not listed on the published agenda. The Open Meeting Law does not expressly prohibit responses to public comment by the Board. However, responses from the Board to unlisted public comment topics could become deliberation on a matter without notice to the public. On the advice of legal counsel and to ensure the public has notice of all matters the Board will consider, Board members may choose not to respond to public comments, except to correct factual inaccuracies, ask for staff action, or ask that a matter be listed on a future agenda.

12. Travel Claims. Information

13. Date of next meeting. Action

14. Adjournment. Action

Anyone desiring further information or explanation of the above agenda items may call Sandie Foley at (775) 353-3619 during the hours of 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

* Denotes supporting documents in the Board packet.

(ACTION) indicates that the Board needs to take action on an item. **(INFORMATION)** indicates an information item for the Board. Please ensure that ACTION items have accompanying information for the Board members to review.

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